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Postal Arrangements With France.

It will be remembered that in the summer of 1860 Hon. John A. Kasson was appointed a special commissioner, upon invitation of the French Government, to negotiate the conditions of a new postal arrangement between that country and the United States. While his mission was primarily and specially to the French Post Department, he was authorized to transact postal business with other European countries. In the latter he was successful, but failed to accomplish any revision or modification of the postal convention with France.

Under these circumstances, France being indisposed to conform with the more liberal and improved arrangements concluded between the United States and other countries on the continent of Europe, Mr. Kasson felt constrained to avail himself of the power reserved in the present convention to terminate it by a previous notice of one year; and notice was given in January last to terminate the same on the 1st of February, 1870.

Subsequent negotiations were opened, but the differences were so great that nothing was accomplished. When Senator Kasson was about to visit Europe last spring, he was requested by the Postmaster General to use his efforts to bring about an arrangement, if possible, so as to equitably and justly, his long experience as a member of the Senate Post Office Committee having eminently qualified him for the duty.

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PATENTS.—During the week ending yesterday there were 503 applications for patents, 62 caustic fied, and 293 patents ordered to issue on the 13th instant. Of the 250 patents issued yesterday, seven were to Washington, as follows: Hannah Lucas, for a fusing machine; A. Van Camp, Washington, and M. M. Hodgeson, St. Louis, for wood pavements; the same for concrete for pavements, and for other purposes, and the same for street paving; M. T. Lincoln, galley rest; John W. Smith, concrete compound for pavement, and Daniel E. Somes, for means for ventilating, cooling, and warming beds. Those to Maryland were: To John Akears, Baltimore, composition for destroying insects on flowers, plants, and bushes; Edew Bennett, Baltimore, fruit jar; David Hirschberg, Baltimore, safety Taylor and Joseph M. Cole, Baltimore, safety valve.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY BATTISON.—At Cincinnati, telegraphed to the Internal Revenue Bureau that George W. and Edward Miller, indicted as distillers and retailers at Dayton, Ohio, for illicit distillation and defrauding the Government, were found guilty of their offense, and the charge. The case has been on trial for ten days, and has excited a great deal of attention throughout the State. The result was looked for with considerable interest by the revenue bureau on account of the position held by this firm among the merchants of Cincinnati. They were regarded as among the most prominent members of the "whisky ring" in that section of the country.

THE STATEMENT recently published that Mr. Muller, supervising architect of the Treasury Department, had been compelled to furlough a large number of artisans and laborers on account of the appropriations for repairs to the Treasury building having been exhausted, was without any foundation. The report gained credence no doubt on account of the recent discharge of the force of carpenters employed in making improvements in the upper part of the building, but Mr. Muller has authority to complete the work, and does not lack the means to carry out the various improvements now under way.

A FIRM in Philadelphia engaged in the manufacture of tobacco have submitted to Acting Commissioner Douglass a sample of smoking tobacco in plies, which to all appearance like the plug chewing tobacco. The tobacco is well made, and the manufacturers claim that it comes under the sixteen months. The acting commissioner, however, regards it as a sort of counterfeit, and has directed the firm that they will be required to pay the tax imposed on manufactured tobacco.

WE publish elsewhere in to-day's paper a card from Mr. Simon Wolf, denying certain statements published in the REPUBLICAN the day after the lame-amee to Mr. Bowen. Mr. Wolf's entitl to the denial, but it is due to ourselves to state that what we published was based upon information derived entirely reliable.

SECRETARY COX issued an order yesterday closing the Interior Department on Thursday, (Thanksgiving Day). Superintendent McCartney has also issued an order directing the post office to be closed on that day.

Personal.

General Francis A. Walker, chief of the bureau of statistics, has returned from his trip to Massachusetts.

Gen. William Longbridge, M. C. from Iowa, is at the National.

Judge Dent expects to leave here for Mississippi on Friday next, to resume the campaign in that State, the truce between Judge Dent and Judge Alcorn expiring on Monday next.

Frank R. Ernst has been appointed a temporary clerk in the contract office of the Post Office Department, vice Hugh A. Ernst, resigned.

On Sunday evening James C. Walker, son, of Virginia, formerly reading clerk of the House of Representatives, was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna E. Prentiss, of Boston. The ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Dr. Jackson, at St. Paul's church, on Twenty-third street, and the rise of the Church requiring the bride to go "given away," that happy privilege was accorded to O. Kinnell, son, of the city.

James Gordon Bennett, Jr., the owner of the yacht Dauntless, has challenged Mr. James Ashbury, of the English yacht Cambria, to an ocean race for a service of plate, valued at \$10,000, the race to take place on March 5, 1870, across the Atlantic from England to America.

Prince Arthur is held in strict discipline by his guardians, both civil and military.

Morton McMichael, of the Philadelphia North American, arrived from his European tour on Monday.

The Prince Imperial of France is to receive the title of Duke of Carlos, according to the precedent established by the first Napoleon.

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